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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 6, paragraph [0015], please amend as follows:

[0015] As shown in Figs. 3b - 3d, since the flow regulation portion 3 is constructed by assembling two or more members so as to realize detachable cassette mechanism, ~~only the were~~ portion including detachable portions of the flow regulation portion 3 ~~to which batch is contacted for contacting the batch material,~~ i.e. only the inner member 32 or the end member 34 in the embodiments shown in Figs. 3b - 3d can be exchanged, and thus it is possible to reduce a maintenance cost of the ceramic honeycomb extrusion apparatus 1 according to the invention. Therefore, these embodiments are preferable. Here, it should be noted that the embodiments shown in Figs. 3b - 3d are respectively one example for dividing the flow regulation portion 3 and thus various methods and numbers other than those of these embodiments for dividing the flow regulation portion 3 can be applied. For example, in Fig. 2d, 3d, it is possible to form this construction by means of two members by integrating the intermediate member 34 and the outer member 31. Moreover, it is a matter of course that an outer diameter of the inner member and the end member must be

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made larger than a screw inner diameter of the biaxial screw portion. If such an outer diameter is not larger than the screw inner diameter of the biaxial screw portion, the outer member and the intermediate member are worn and thus it is meaningless to exchange only the worn inner member and the worn end member.